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**A**NOTHER volume has been added to the TABLET and in the regular succession of college events its management passes into the hands of the class of Eighty-Three. With becoming modesty we enter upon our duties. Warned by a deep sense of the responsibility which we are about to assume we fortify our minds with pluck and perseverance. It is not our intention to present an elaborate prospectus. The TABLET is too old an acquaintance to require more than a word of introduction. We make few promises and therefore hope to experience no failures. What the TABLET has been in the past we wish to make it in the future, aiming always to sustain its present standard of excellence and making only such changes as a careful consideration for its welfare may suggest. With this motive we have decided to return to the original custom of publishing at an interval of three weeks. While on first

thought this may appear a step backward, a thorough consideration has convinced us that the contrary is the case. The experiment of a fortnightly publication was tried by our predecessors during the last three months of their management, and their enterprise was commendable. However we are convinced that a further pursuance of this plan is not warranted by the present support. The improvement and success of our College paper depends upon the assistance rendered by the alumni and undergraduates. This we have a right to expect and with the earnest request that it may be liberal and hearty, from both pen and purse, we present to your kindly consideration No. 1 of Vol. XV.

**I**T is with great pleasure that we welcome Prof. Holbrooke back, to his former position, at the head of the Latin Department.

**T**HE inevitable succession of days and weeks has brought us again face to face with our college duties, and we are fairly launched upon another term; a term full of possibilities for honest work and progress, and full of the thousand unknown incidents and events which come to all, and which may bring joy or sorrow. Let us make the most of the time before us, that we may not be tortured in the future with thoughts of duty left undone, and misspent hours.

**T**HE new plan in regard to chapel attendance, which was announced and immediately inaugurated last term, seems to have given universal satisfaction, and loud have been the expressions of approval heard on all sides in regard to the action of the Faculty in this matter. We hail this step with delight, not only because it does away with a long-endured and much bemoaned evil; but also because it evinces a willingness on the part of the Faculty to concede to reasonable requests on the part of the students. We feel assured that it will do much towards es-



tablishing confidence in their judgments and decrees in the future. It is a step toward that liberal policy which is being introduced at Trinity and which will certainly tend to give the college the popularity which it deserves. As suggested in the last number of the TABLET, this change in the chapel government removes one of the most fruitful themes upon which former editors have poured forth their vials of wrath. However, we are peaceably inclined, and therefore feel that we have reason to be thankful that the cause of so many editorial thunderbolts has been removed.

AT the beginning of this long Trinity term which offers so good an opportunity for, and is generally so much devoted to, quiet study, we are glad to see that the gymnasium is not entirely deserted. There are some men who see the necessity of regular exercise for the sake of health and comfort, and who improve their opportunity daily at the gymnasium. We commend them for their common sense; and we trust that their numbers may be augmented by others who, whether inspired by their motives or not, will for the sake of the athletic games, train during the winter.

The results of her field meetings have always been Trinity's boast. Whether it is because in them we have none but ourselves to contend against, or because the thousand critical spectators, which usually attend a base ball or cricket game, are absent, it is difficult to say. It would hardly seem to be the latter reason if the *Columbia Spectator* prophesies truly, which maintains that Trinity alone of American colleges possesses the elements of Æstheticism, and surely Æsthetes do not shun the public gaze. At all events our record has been a good one, and for this reason, if for no other, athletes, brace, especially you Freshmen who have already shown an athletic spirit!

THE subject of college music is a well worn one, but we nevertheless feel it our duty to draw attention once again to the fact that there is material in the college to form good quartetts, if not a glee club. At present, we fear that it, would be almost impossible to organize the latter, on account of the difficulty in getting a leader who would be able and willing to give his time and labor to the mat-

ter; but, if this is impracticable, quartettes can be formed which would afford much pleasure and profit to the members thereof, and which would be a credit to the college in general. At other colleges quartettes are formed, which are not only heard and enjoyed within college limits, but which are in demand elsewhere as social attraction, and why should not Trinity emulate their example? Since we have given up some of our athletic sports, it is all the more incumbent upon us to strive to win renown in other fields; and there is certainly no field in which we can take a better position than that of music. Arouse yourselves, ye sweet singers, and let your voices be heard throughout the land!

A RECENT issue of the *Hartford Times* contained a comment on the conduct of some of our number at a recent performance of "Michael Strogoff." But the *Times* is not famous for the expression of its opinions in language of ordinary civility, and polished witticism is seldom found in its original matter. The comment is to be taken, therefore, as coming from a source whose cultivation is sufficiently indicated by the odious comparison employed. Still, students ought always to remember that they are only a very small fraction of the public whose rights they are always bound to respect. And that any public disturbance by a small number is to render the participants more conspicuous than good sense permits.

CONSIDERABLE interest is manifested in regard to the disposition of that part of the Northam bequest not belonging to the building fund. The investment of the bequest was wisely restricted by the generous donor, but the use of the income was left to the discretion of the trustees, who, we presume, have not yet officially considered the subject. The unanimous wish of the general public, of the younger alumni and of the undergraduates is that the money be expended for the strengthening of instruction. Not, perhaps, because the instruction of any particular department is specially weak but because higher education demands constant advancement and enlarged opportunities. And of course there is room for improvement here as elsewhere. Of buildings and



land there is almost enough, and the friends of the College are watching for the final disposition of the fund with keener eyes than anything pertaining to the college management has ever before been regarded. If the money is expended for the strengthening of instruction, there will be friendship and support; if it is not so expended, there will be a wide-spread dissatisfaction that we can ill afford.

THE plan suggested by the editors of the *Knox Student*, favoring the weekly publication of an inter-collegiate bulletin of news, is an excellent one and should meet with the success which it deserves. The plan as expressed by them is as follows:

"The plan we propose is an exceedingly simple one. Each college sends us items of the inter-collegiate interest. We collect these items, and each week send a printed bulletin to all colleges which furnish items. All, then that is required of any college is to send to us items concerning itself, we in return will send items from all the corresponding colleges. We propose this plan because we believe it practicable. Several Eastern college journals have tried to organize such an association and have failed. To avoid failure we offer to do all the work. We would also suggest the advisability of holding a convention of college editors at Indianapolis next May, during the Inter-State Contest in oratory. There are several practical questions that might be discussed profitably. The cost of publishing, the best modes of conducting a paper, how to make a paper valuable and interesting, these are a few of the questions that might be considered."

AS the spirit of the age is materialistic, and as it behoves the TABLET to support all progressive principles wherein they relate to things journalistic, we have, in keeping pace with this movement, made a slight change in the outward appearance of our journal. We have chosen paper of a better quality to coincide with the advancement in a literary point of view which the TABLET attained under last years' board of editors. And we have shaken off the dust, as it were, which has been accumulating for years and have turned up a cleaner surface, which we trust will remain unblemished.

WE call the attention of our readers to the notice of the Columbia School of Political Economy on the fifth page of the advertisements of this issue.

### THE LOST KEY.

Seated alone in the entry,

I was weary and ill at ease ;

And my fingers wandered idly

Over a bunch of keys.

I remember what I was thinking

And what I was uttering then,

And language so strong and satanic

Was ne'er heard by angels nor men.

For the night it was cold and stormy,

And my chum was heavy with sleep,

And my thunderous knocks did not wake him,

Nor my cursings loud and deep.

I sought,—but I sought it vainly—

That one lost key of mine,

Which I fancied was in my pocket

When I went out to dine.

At last my chum was awakened,

And, in pity at my distress,

He quickly opened the portal

In a most decided undress.

I have pondered the subject deeply.

I have wracked my weary brain ;

But I fear that the key which I lost that night

I shall never see again.

### CIVIL-SERVICE REFORM.

A petition to Congress for the reform of the civil service has recently been issued under the auspices of the Civil Service Reform Association. It prays for the passage of a bill providing that all appointments to subordinate executive offices shall be made after competitive examination, and that removals from such positions shall not be made for political opinions or for refusal to render party services. The petition has many signers among undergraduates, for no one doubts that corruption exists in the civil service and that a reform is needed. Besides, the national catastrophe of July and subsequent developments have given to the words Civil-Service Reform an undue popularity, and any project introduced under this attractive heading is sure of an eager reception. It is worth while, however, to inquire if the means proposed is at all adequate to the end contemplated. Competitive examinations, by rea-



son of an appearance of fair play, appeal to popular prejudices and are accordingly advocated, as though, forsooth, geography and arithmetic could reform the civil service. It is certainly desirable to have cultivated men in the public service. But they ought above everything but honesty, to be men of affairs—practical not bookish. And this qualification is precisely the one which competitive examinations are unqualified to determine. No examination can measure any man's practical ability. Were the positions in question open only to college bred men and bestowed only after competitive examinations, it is obvious that the posts would be filled by contestants of valedictorian rank, since the examinations are general rather than technical. But the biographical records of American colleges show plainly that these men are usually deficient in that practical turn of mind which fits them for the management of public affairs and the service as state officials. In other words, great administrative ability is not often found in persons of the highest scholastic attainments. Again, every official owes to himself and to his constituency an honorable and efficient administration, and to that end he must have subordinates harmonious to his plans and identified with his interests. This fair and proper privilege of public officials, it is now proposed to abolish, and not that alone, but to establish another class of public servants to be supported by government pensions in the years to come. A frequent change of government employes must exercise a salutary effect on the service, inasmuch as any malfeasance in office is sure to be soon detected by successors.

We are not to look for reform of the Civil-Service through the medium of history or Grimm's law, but through upright men in office. Such men would be almost universally elected were it not for the prevalent and most shameful neglect of the caucus and ballot-box by the better class of citizens. The loudest cry for reform comes from the effeminate stay-at-homes, who, abandoning the caucus to political pettifoggers, and the polls to hirelings, are afraid of soiling their dainty skirts by contact with the people. The Civil-Service Reform Association would do better to circulate a franchise pledge and induce recreant voters to cast their ballots on election days and work actively in caucuses for the best men.

## COLLEGE AND CAMPUS.

### DINING HALL.

The college commons are still *in statu quo*. It is not probable that any further effort will be made to revive them before next fall.

### OSCAR WILDE.

The great Æsthete lectures in the Opera House next Thursday. Let Æsthetic Trinity turn out in full force.

### CLASS SONG.

The Freshmen, with their usual enterprise, have had a class song written, printed copies of which have been distributed among members of the class.

### BOXING.

We understand that Professor Dole will soon organize a class in boxing. A large number of the students have signified their intention of joining the class.

### LIBRARY.

The firm of D. Appleton & Co., publishers, through Mr. E. D. Appleton of the class of '80, have presented the college library with a handsomely bound set of their encyclopedia.

### IVY.

The *Ivy* board are hard at work collecting advertisements. The managing editor requests that all matter designed for publication in the *Ivy* be handed to him or left at No. 8, Jarvis Hall before the 10th of February.

### DEPARTMENT OF ITALIAN.

On Tuesday, January 26th, the optional class in Italian met in Professor Richardson's study and read selections from Dante. The class will meet every Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 during this term.

### DEPARTMENT OF GERMAN.

Professor Richardson has announced that there will be formed soon a voluntary class for the study of Goethe's Faust. The class is open to all of the students and will meet for recitation once a week.

### NORTHAM TOWER.

A temporary roof has been placed upon the top of the new building to shelter the inner walls from exposure to ice and snow. The work upon the outside of the tower has been discontinued on account of the cold weather.



## INTER-COLLEGIATE BULLETIN.

The editors of the TABLET have elected Mr. Richard E. Burton to represent Trinity in the weekly bulletin issued by *The Knox Student*. All information in regard to general college matters may be left at 14 Jarvis Hall.

## TRIAL OF ANALYTICS.

The Sophomores are at work making arrangements for conducting the trial of the detested Anna Lytics. The custom was revived last year by the class of '83, and it should be kept up and adhered to by all succeeding classes.

## JUNIOR ENGLISH.

The Junior course in English will be different this year from heretofore. Professor Johnson has decided that the class shall take up Shaw's English Literature as usual, but must read Ward's English Poets outside of their regular work, and pass an examination on the subject in June.

## LUCIAN.

A number of the students have organized a club for reading Lucian. Stated meetings are held twice each week, and the members of the club claim that much valuable information is gained by them at each session. The subject for debate at their last meeting was: *Resolved*, That breeding of Greek horses should not be confined to England.

## PRIZE ORATORICAL.

The appointments for the oratorical contest have been assigned to the following students: *Seniors*.—William W. Webb; John H. McCrackan.

*Juniors*.—Richard E. Burton; Edward S. Beach.

*Sophomores*.—Edward S. Van Zile; Frank W. Richardson.

## GIFT TO PROFESSOR JOHNSON.

A meeting of the Freshman class was called on Thursday evening in No. 4, J. H., by president Mitchell. A committee, consisting of Messrs. Neely and Thorne, was appointed to purchase a suitable gift for Professor Johnson on the occasion of his moving into his new residence. The committee decided upon a fine engraving which was presented to the Professor in behalf of the class of '85.

## STREET CARS.

The fare on the Vernon street horse rail road has been reduced to five cents. The line is largely patronized by the students and is growing every day more popular. Almost every evening the cars are filled with students who crowd upon the rear platform and indulge in singing college songs, as they used to do when Mr. Whitehead's gorgeous chariot was the only conveyance to and from the college buildings.

## HOLIDAY.

As the 22d of February this year will be Ash-Wednesday, the Faculty have generously decided to omit all recitations on the 20th of February, and allow the usual holiday on Ash-Wednesday. The Prize Version Appointments will be published on the morning of the 20th of next month, and Oratorical Prize Contest, which usually is held on Washington's Birthday, this year will take place also on the 20th.

## ATHLETICS.

The annual college meeting, always held at the beginning of Trinity term, for the election of officers of the athletic organizations, has not been held yet. It is the duty of the upper-class men to attend to this matter immediately, and see that the rest of the college have an opportunity to express their opinions in regard to forming a base ball or cricket team to represent Trinity during the coming season. The lower class men have expressed their willingness to support, in whatever manner they are able, the athletic organizations. Let some action be taken immediately so that the men can commence training in the gymnasium.

## SOMETHING NEW.

*The Wyoming Literary Monthly*, a magazine devoted to the interests of current literature and kindred topics, has recently been started in Buffalo, N. Y. Besides giving short sketches of celebrated authors and carefully selected criticisms on their works, considerable space is devoted to points of interest in connection with the various colleges. The magazine is ably edited, and has already received numerous encomiums from journals and college papers. A careful perusal of it will demonstrate to any person that it deserves to be supported by the students. In order that its columns devoted to college news may be



accurate and full, a representative has been chosen in each of the colleges, who will furnish items of interest, as often as may be required. The representative of Trinity is Mr. Coleman of the Senior class, to whom contributions and applications for subscriptions may be made.

#### CLASS OFFICERS.

The Seniors have elected the following officers for the ensuing term: President, William W. Webb; 1st Vice-President, D. Murray Bolen; 2d Vice-President, Samuel N. Watson; Secretary, Charles Hamilton; Treasurer, Charles S. Coleman; Chronicler, Clarence Ball.

The Juniors have elected the following officers for the ensuing term: President, John F. Sexton; 1st Vice-President, Edward S. Beach; 2d Vice-President, George P. Ingersoll; Secretary, Clarence M. Kurtz; Treasurer, Thomas B. Chapman; Chronicler, Edward L. Dockray.

The Sophomores have elected the following officers for the ensuing term: President, William H. Hitchcock; 1st Vice-President, Fred. D. Buckley; 2d Vice-President, James F. Olmsted; Secretary, Edward S. Van Zile; Treasurer, John M. Brainard; Chronicler, William S. Barrows.

The Freshmen have elected the following officers for the ensuing term: President, Samuel S. Mitchell; 1st Vice-President, Fred D. Lobdell; 2d Vice-President, Albert D. Neely; Secretary, Sidney T. Miller; Treasurer, Geo. F. Humphrey; Chronicler, Archibald Codman.

#### MICHAEL STROGOFF.

Friday evening, January 20th, the Boston Theater Company appeared at Roberts' Opera House in Jules Verne's romantic and sensational drama of Michael Strogoff. Probably the manager of the company hardly realized what noble soldiers he would have in his troupe, when he asked an enterprising freshman to collect twenty-two Trinity students to appear as the army in the famous scene of the battle field of Lolivan. The rumor, *hand semper errat fama*, soon became rife about college that the army was being enrolled, and both upper and lower-class men were anxious to be among the number. After a little dispute the army was organized. The three front rows of orchestra chairs at the Opera House were almost entirely filled with ad-

miring students. All went well until the last part of the second act. Then the noble army of students clad in resplendant uniforms, unfortunately rather the worse for wear, appeared on the field of Lolivan. Terrific applause greeted them from the students in the front rows. This had such an effect on some of the army, that when the manager gave the signal for all of the soldiers to fall dead, some of the freshmen sat upright with broad grins upon their faces, while others remained dead for a few seconds, and then attempted to rise again. The manager could hardly contain himself with rage. As soon as the curtain went down he poured a volley of curses upon the army and declared them disbanded. The result was, the army threw off their uniforms, and amid the shouts of the "gallery gods" and covered with glory (?) they marched in single file to their friends in the three front rows. The whole affair was amusing to say the least.

#### ENGLISH DEPARTMENT.

Professor Johnson has announced the following schedule of Literary Exercises for Trinity term:

##### SENIORS.

- Feb. 1. Theme (Critique)  
 " 15. Debate: *Has the Universe thus far been Governed by Unchanging Laws?*  
 Mar. 1. Original Oration  
 " 15. Theme: *The Christian View of Humanity in its Social Relations.*  
 " 29. Extemporaneous Speaking.  
 April 12. Poem.  
 Descriptive. { 1. *The Building of the Ark.*  
                   { 2. *The Defeat of the Spanish Armada.*  
                   { 1. *Modern Metamorphoses, Delivered by Ovid, Jr.*  
 Humorous. { 2. *Interviewed Believer.—Diogenes and Oscar Wilde.*  
 May 10. Discussion: *The Best Way of Educating a Man for His Life Work.*  
 " 25. Graduating Orations Handed in.  
 June 5. Graduating Orations Rehearsed.

##### JUNIORS.

- Feb. 2. Debate: *Has an American Citizen a Right to Abstain from Politics?*  
 " 16. Theme: *Examples of the Homeric Spirit in Modern Literature.*  
 Mar. 2. Original Orations.  
 " 16. Debate: *Do Scientific Discoveries Interfere with the Growth of Poetry?*  
 " 30. Theme: *The Relative Darkness of Mediæval and Modern Times.*  
 Apr. 13. Discussion: *The Future of Palestine.*  
 May 11. Extemporaneous Speaking  
 " 26. Theme: *The Present Condition and Prospect of American Literature.*  
 June 5. Discussion: *The Relative Power of Hope and of Memory over Present Action.*



## SOPHOMORES.

- Feb. 2. Theme: *Human Chameleons*.  
 " 16. Exercise in Literary Analyses.  
 Mar. 2. Theme: *Martyrs to Science*.  
 " 16. Exercise in Argumentation  
 " 30. Theme-Plan: *The Disguises of Immorality*.  
 Apr. 13. Literary Exercise.  
 May 11. Theme: *Significance of the Norman Conquests*.  
 " 26. Exercise in Literary Style  
 June 5. Theme-Plan: *Political Fallacies*.

## COMMUNICATIONS.

[Communications upon current topics are invited for this column. It is expected that they shall be written in a courteous tone. The writers full name, as well as his *nom de plume*, must accompany the article. The editors do not necessarily approve the opinions expressed.]

*To the Editors of the Tablet :*

The arrangement for Friday services in Sage Chapel, Cornell University, is such an excellent one that I wish to bring it to the notice of the professors and undergraduates of Trinity. For each Sunday from April 2nd until June 11th, the services of eminent clergymen of different denominations have been obtained. Two Methodist bishops, two prominent Congregational theologians, two well known Unitarians, one Baptist, one Presbyterian, and Bishops Doane and Harris compose the list, together with the Rev. R. Heber Newton, of Garden City, who is to preach the baccalaureate sermon. Such a variety of thought and expression by earnest, powerful preachers cannot fail to do good and to set men thinking upon questions of the highest importance. College students do not listen at Sunday service to pious exhortations. Useful as these may be, they do not, I fancy, influence undergraduates unless set forth with cogent and convincing logic. College men need thoughtful sermons addressed more directly to the understanding than to the feelings. Since we are so far and the difficulty of reaching churches is so great, and since the sermons in parish churches are so addressed to miscellaneous congregations, that they often fail to interest most of us, would not the appointment of College preachers for regular Sunday morning services in the Chapel be a wise and helpful provision. Attendance on evening prayer if still compulsory, might then be permitted in town, as morning attendance is now. Do not understand me as one of those collegians, who fancies his class are possessed of higher intellectual faculties than men in the

outer world. Only topics which interest and concern the congregations of parish churches do not equally interest young men who, in their studies, are constantly brought face to face with problems different from those the parish minister is called upon to solve. The proposition seems to me to be wise and helpful, and with all modesty I may add, worthy of discussion. B.

## DOINGS AT OTHER COLLEGES.

## HARVARD.

Harvard has a new daily.

It took the seniors eight hours to elect their class officers.

Columbia's challenge to row an eight oared race has been accepted.

The board at Memorial Hall is now \$5.50 per week. There is much dissatisfaction with both the price and the food and many students are leaving.

By way of obtaining light on the question of morning prayers at Harvard, President Eliot mailed a circular to the parents and guardians of all the undergraduates inquiring whether they had daily morning prayers in their own households. He received 741 replies, and five men out of every seven said they did not.

## YALE.

Yale has 1,041 students.

The Glee Club netted \$800 out of the holiday concert tour.

The nine will not train in the gymnasium this winter. It is thought the winter training does more harm than good.

The Yale faculty have decided to make some change in the Regulations so as to allow more liberty in the matter of recitation cuts. Heretofore, all omitted recitations have had to be made up, and no excuses were granted save for particular reasons. By the new Regulations, a certain number of cuts is to be allowed each term. The recitations thus omitted need not be made up. These cuts are to be taken for all ordinary purposes. Excuses for other cuts will be granted only in case of illness, and must be accompanied by a doctor's certificate.—*Advocate*.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

Princeton catalogues 538 Students.

The Sanscrit class at Columbia consists of one.



Dartmouth seniors attend only two recitations daily.

Cornell has a class in Arabic.

The Trustees of Rutgers College have passed a resolution recommending that the Faculty take measures to prevent the students from wasting time in such things as athletic sports, boating, glee clubs, etc.—*Sun*.

At the University of California, in the mathematical classes, each student is allowed to assign his own lesson, the only requirements being that he shall report his progress each day for recitation and be ready for an examination at a certain time.

It is rumored that Columbia will have a daily soon.

The Freshman class at Cambridge, England numbers 757 students.

Some of the western colleges suggest the plan of a series of base ball games in the west, the winning club to play the eastern champions for the college championship of the United States.

Great interest has been aroused at Bowdoin College by the suit brought against eight students for \$10,000 each for damages to a fellow-student, whose eyesight was nearly destroyed by their wanton "hazing." The entire sophomore class, and probably the whole college, will be summoned as witnesses. The trial will be held in January by the Supreme Court of the county.—*Ex*.

Mr. Tennyson was lately elected to the Lord Rectorship of the Glasgow University.

A new scholarship has been founded at Brown University. The income from the sum of \$3000 is to be annually paid to the student passing the best examination in the first, sixth, and twenty-fourth books of Homer's Iliad, or in the Oration of Demosthenes on the Crown.—*Ex*.

Michigan University is talking of having a Greek play.

Within the past year \$19,000,000 has been given by private individuals in the cause of education.

The Hartford High School building was destroyed by fire on the 23rd inst.

Harvard has the largest college library in the United States. It contains 185,000 volumes. Yale has 93,000; Dartmouth, 60,000; Brown, 52,000; Princeton, 49,000; Cornell 40,000; Wesleyan, 31,000; University of Michigan, 29,000; Tufts, 25,000; Williams, 19,000; and Dickinson, 29,000.—*Ex*.

By the will of the late Joel Giles of Boston, Amherst College is made residuary legatee and will receive about \$50,000 for the library. Mr. Giles was one year a member of the class of 1825 at Amherst, but was graduated at Harvard University in the class of 1829.

### PERSONALS.

[It is particularly desired that the Alumni furnish us with all items of interest that may come to their knowledge, concerning every one who has been connected with the College.]

GILPIN, '31. John B. Gilpin, M. D., has two articles in the last published volume of the Nova Scotia Natural History Society.

PAYNE, '34. COOKSON, '61. The Rev. William Payne, D. D., and the Rev. F. M. Cookson, have been elected members of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Albany.

PRESTON, '43. Vicar-General Thos S. Preston has been promoted to be Domestic Prelate of the Papal household.

DRIGGS, '48. T. I. Driggs, of Waterbury, has been elected Vice-President of the Odd Fellows Mutual Aid Association.

MIDDLEBROOK, '48. L. M. Middlebrook of Bridgeport, has been re-elected a director of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

HITCHINGS, '54. The Rev. H. B. Hitchings is making a winter trip to Brazil.

HUBBELL, '56. The office of John H. Hubbell is at 5 Pemberton Square, Boston, Mass.

COGGESHALL, '65. G. A. Coggeshall is practicing medicine at Fall River Mass.

HARRADAN, '67. The Rev. F. S. Harradan has become rector of the parishes in Natick and Framingham, Mass. His post office address is Natick.

HOLBROOKE, '69. Prof. Geo. O. Holbrooke has returned from his trip abroad and has resumed his duties as Professor of Latin.

WHITLOCK, '70. Frank W. Whitlock is engaged at the office of the water commissioners, Waterbury, Conn.

THOMPSON, '71. Married, in New York City, January 11th, the Rev. Frederick Thompson, of Faulkland, Del., and Miss Julia Francis Radway, daughter of the late Dr. John Radway.

COE, '74. George J. Coe is teaching in St. John's School, Sing Sing, N. Y.

WHALEY, '74. The Rev. P. H. Whaley, rector of St. Thomas's church, in this city, is residing at No. 6. Winthrop street.

PORTER, '76. The Rev. T. A. Porter having become rector of the churches at Sumpter and Clarendon, S. C., should be addressed at the former place.



WILLIAMS, '78. John Williams has completed his studies at Keble college, Oxford, and received the degree B. A. from the university, taking honors in the second class in Theology.

MILLER, '80. Hoffman Miller is a member of a law firm in New York City.

KEMPE, '81. E. A. Kempe has left the Seabury Divinity School and is in business at Red Wing, Minn.

PARSONS, '81. J. R. Parsons is in business near Troy, N. Y.

JONES, '81. Charles W. Jones, after having passed a brilliant preliminary examination, has entered upon the study of law at 64 Grant street, Pittsburg, Pa.

PERKINS, '81. George E. Perkins has sailed for Europe.

SHIPMAN, '82. P. W. Shipman has left college.

HOTCHKISS, '82. Charles E. Hotchkiss is detained at home, sick with typhoid fever.

PARSONS, '83. Hinsdill Parsons returned to pass the Christmas examinations with his class.

WRIGHT, '83. After a long illness, A. H. Wright has returned to his studies.

HUNTINGTON, '83. John W. Huntington has left Trinity and is attending Steven's Institute, Hoboken, N. J.

HUNTINGTON, '84. Harwood Huntington has left college and is a student at the Boston School of Technology.

CUNNINGHAM, '85. J. R. Cunningham, late of Kenyon College, has entered the class of '85.

### OBITUARY.

LEWIS, '71. Mr. Thomas Chew Lewis, a graduate in the class of 1871, died in New York City, after a short sickness, December 29th, aged 34 years. After his graduation he was engaged for a while in manufacturing at Dalton, Mass. He then studied law at Columbia College, receiving the degree of L. B., in 1878, after which time he practiced law in New York City. The funeral was at his old home in New London, Conn., on the second day of January.

WHEREAS, Almighty God in his wise providence has taken from us our much loved brother,

#### THOMAS CHEW LEWIS,

*Resolved*, That we, the Epsilon Chapter of the Fraternity of Delta Psi, have lost one who was to us a valued friend, a true and loyal brother.

*Resolved*, That in his intercourse with us he won the hearts of all by his earnest zeal,

his marked abilities, and his purely christian character.

*Resolved*, That his memory will be ever dear to us, and that we will ever labor to follow his bright example.

*Resolved*, That, as an outward mark of our respect and of our grief, we wear our badges draped for a period of thirty days.

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the family of our deceased brother, and inserted in the *Churchman* and the TRINITY TABLET.

Done at the Halls of the Epsilon Chapter of the Fraternity of Delta Psi, on this twenty-first day of January, Anno Fraternitatis XXXVI.

ANDREW MURRAY YOUNG,  
WILLIAM CRAWFORD SHELDON, JR.,  
ERNEST FLAGG HENDERSON.

### EXCHANGES.

In many of our worthy exchanges it is stated that the Oxford cap is worn at Trinity. Nothing could be further from the truth, and for their enlightenment we will state that it never has been regularly, and we trust never will be so worn here. First we were "dim religious," ritualistic, then "awfully English," and now "utterly æsthetic." Heavens! What next?

The *Columbia Spectator* with its blue daubed cover greets us as usual. Its outward appearance greatly belies its interior which is always interesting if not funny. We cull the following from a well written article on Oscar Wilde, relating a supposed interview with the *Æsthete*, "What are the possibilities of æsthetic growth in American Colleges?"

"Small," he replied; "Æstheticism and co-education cannot be co-existent. They could never understand it at Yale. At Princeton it would probably be forbidden by Dr. McCosh, as being too worldly. You do not need it at Columbia. It seems to me that Trinity is the only place where it would prosper. They are fond of tennis suits there, their hair is long, and their legs generally thin. Those are two indispensable attributes of æstheticism. Then out there in the country they can grow sunflowers. What more do you want?"



In reading the *Vassar Mis.* it is really genuine merit that calls forth our praise and not, as might be supposed, any thought of the fair ones whose work it is. We always find it well written and interesting. The editors themselves seem to be fully aware of its excellencies, we should judge, from the self-confident and conciliatory tone in which they speak of sister publications. The very absence from its editorial columns of the grievances which they 'tear their hair to find,' is what attracts us to the *Miscellany*. For what is more annoying than to see a pessimist yield the editorial pen in College journalism, or what more ridiculous than the reformer who thinks by his splutterings to change the whole collegiate system of education. The "Tuf" from College Hill, Mass., is far from what its name would imply, nor yet is it commonplace. They make one great mistake by devoting too much space to literary articles, otherwise it is well edited.

The *Targum* from Rutgers has a most ungrateful way of referring to two of its editors who have just retired after a years service, in saying that they 'are now anything one chooses to call them except *Targum* editors'; and not an over modest way of praising their college (?); as for instance, "the location is unsurpassed, her record noble, and her corps of Professors the equal of any College in the country."

We appreciate the *Princetonian's* sterling worth in its issue of Jan. 20, and like well the theory put forth in its exchange column; namely, that a college may generally be judged by its journal. But let us apply it. We have often noticed the *Princetonian's* predisposition to mud slinging and now, as often before, we find it eulogizing over a mud gutter, calling it the river Styx, and all that. Now if the theory be true, this confirms our opinion of the college—dirty place, always in a mud(dle). It is not often that we take time to notice school papers in these columns, although we are always glad to receive them. But who could hesitate to commend the *Horæ* from St. Paul's? It is the best school publication that we receive from this side of the water. It is exceedingly well written and bespeaks a school full of life and progress.

In the January number of the *Advocate* there is the following little poem which is well worth repeating:

"What would'st thou say were I to ask  
That rose you wear?  
What! would'st thou take me so to task?  
Or did I dare.  
What would'st thou say were I to steal  
A kiss from thee?  
What! would'st thou scorn my mute appeal?  
And should it be  
That I did ask thy hand and heart,  
That from this day  
Thyself be mine, till death us part,  
What would'st thou say?"

Harvard has given birth to a new daily, entitled the *Harvard Daily Herald*. It differs from the *Echo* in that the advertisements are supplemented by some college news.

### PARTICLES.

Supé.

Fresh, Fresh, Fresh!

She kissed him for his mother.

The manager was hard-hearted.

That was a fly entertainment Friday night.

"Consider yourself forgiven but don't repeat it."

Blushing Tommy was a very bad boy,

Though going to chapel was his favorite joy.

He went to college and mission school,

And first fell from grace at playing pool.

He euchred his chum some eighteen dollars,

And cheated his laundress for washing collars.

He purchased a cane and an Oxford squint,

Drank sherry cobblers and julep mint.

The consequence was he was lost totally,

Slapped in the face by a girl *de bally*.

Professor to Soph.: "Where is Tarentum, sir?" "In Greece, sir!" "Yes sir; right here in the south of Italy, sir."

This is the winter of his discontent. The sad-eyed junior swearth for a horse.

There was a young fellow named Wilde,

Whose manner was yearning and mild.

He sailed o'er the ocean,

Which raised no commotion

On account of this tender young child.

The close shorn Soph blushed violently when the choir sang: "Cover my defenceless head."

Harvard has the best dressed men of any college; Yale the hardest workers; Princeton and Cornell the stoutest men; Columbia the greatest talkers; University of Pennsylvania the most active; Trinity the best big boy.—*Ex.*

The Freshmen have chosen an appropriate motto: *Duris non frangi*—"not hard to break." Their colors are dark blue and dark crimson.



The average circulation of the TABLET is 550.

Not a bad repartee was that lately made by a Connecticut college professor to a young woman who chaffed him concerning his late paper in a magazine, on "Ancient Methods of Filtration," which was mis-printed in the advertisements as "Ancient Methods of Flirtation," by Prof. ———. The author is a bachelor and a great social favorite, so when the young woman saucily said at a party, "Professor, do give us your lecture on "Ancient Methods of Flirtation," he quietly replied, "Miss, that lecture can only be delivered to a single auditor at a time, and must be illustrated with experiments."

### NOTES AND CLIPPINGS.

"Can I give my son a college education at home?" asked a fond parent. Well, you may be able to teach him as much of Greek and Latin and Mathematics as the college could, but you could never thoroughly imbue him with the idea that everybody else is a blamed fool.—*Boston Post*.

Yale's "Golden Treasury" is called "Elm Leaves." The following are among the most beautiful of its many touching verses:

"John Jones, while out walking with Hannah,  
Slipped and fell on a frozen banana,  
And she came down kerslap,  
Right square on his lap,  
In an awkward, embarrassing manner.

But yet, though she ruined her pannier,  
Hannah seemed rather pleased with the manner,  
For after a while  
She said with a smile,  
'John, let's find another banana.'

Evening party. Remarkably self-possessed youth to quiet young man: "You see we have an awfully jolly time. There is hazing and all that sort of thing. Yale is a nice place. I'm a junior. Quiet young man, with interest: "Ah, yes. You know I am at New Haven." R. s. p. youth rapidly collapses: "Oh, you misunderstand! I—I—I said that I was a junior in the Grammar School." Fact.—*Yale Record*.

Conversation at the Rink. *She*: "What a horrible noise this band makes." *He*: "I beg your pardon?" *She*: "Excuse me?" *He*: "Pardon me. Did you speak?" *She*:

"I didn't catch your last remark?" Both relapse into silence.—*Record*.

"Why madam," remonstrated the house-agent, "this locality is considered a particularly desirable one. No objectionable neighbors, no——"

"But sir," objected the lady, "there is that Chinese laundry in the next block. If it was not for that, I should have no objection."

"But, my dear madam," responded the astonished agent, "I assure you there isn't a Chinese laundry within half a mile of the place."

"You are mistaken, sir," said the lady with offended dignity; "I saw it myself. It had 'Chi Psi' over the door."—*Ex*.

They had reached the well-known paragraph where *Cedipus* exclaims: "O city, city!" and an unprepared junior was called up. In the emergency, he replied: "Here we have an example of a word in English taken almost without change from the Greek. *Cedipus* being in desperate circumstances called loudly, 'Police! Police!'" The professor fainted and his condition is still critical.—*College Cabinet*.

"Ye pigge is a handsome fowl,  
And wond'rous good to eat;  
Hys cheek is good, likewise hys jowl,  
And eke hys little feet.

But if you try a thousand year  
I trow you still will fayle  
To make a silk purse of hys ear  
Or a wissel of hys tayle." —*Ex*.

Slightly sarcastic was the clergyman who paused and addressed a young man coming into church after the sermon had begun, with the remark: "Glad to see you, sir; come in; always glad to see those here late who can't come early." And then decidedly self-possessed was the youth thus addressed, in the presence of an astonished congregation, as he responded: "Thank you; would you favor me with the text?"—*Ex*.

A Toronto physician sets down drunkenness among the students of Colleges as one of the results of over-study.—*Tribune*. Shades of departed Delmonico! Those Princeton men are regular digs after all!—*News*.

Ye snow-white envelope within  
Ye lyttle card doth lie;  
Thereon in daintie scrypte appears  
My lady's fond good-bye.



Ah, fayrest—till we meet againe,  
With this I will not parte,  
But evermore ye same shall beare  
At reste upon my hearte.

Ye message thus can never fayde—  
Can nevermore grow dim ;  
Ye words I beare *upon* my hearte,  
Ye wryters name—*within*.

—*Acta Columbian.*

Uncle Tom dropped his bible, the other night, while singing the duet with Eva, in a Chicago theatre, and the astonished audience discovered it to be an old city directory.

A red-or-green-plush young girl,  
A Russian-hare-muff young girl,  
A little-fur-capery,  
Æsthetic-drapery,  
Ten-acre-hat young girl.

—*Ex.*

An old yellow dog in Cologne,  
Ran away with an old woman's bogne ;  
But the wrathful old crogne  
Hit him twice with a stogne,  
And it was dreadful to hear the dog grogne.

—*Ex.*

### BOOK NOTICES.

*Vigintennial Re-union of the Class of 1861, Trinity College.* New York: George R. Lockwood & Co.

This is a small pamphlet containing an account of the Re-union Dinner of the Class of '61, which was held last June in Hartford, besides a brief sketch of the life of each member. '61 was a good sized class for its day; entering with about twenty-six and graduating some twenty. Many of its Class, imbued with the patriotic spirit which emptied most of our Colleges in those days, went directly to the war after graduation, and all gained distinction of rank. They were the first class to receive the time honored Lemon Squeezer and at their banquet, they were allowed to renew their former acquaintance with it, through the courtesy of the Class of '82, the present Custodians thereof. There is much loyalty for College and Class expressed in their after-dinner speeches, as also in the fact of their celebrating this Re-union which we would recommend to other classes, as much for their own enjoyment as for the good of the College. The pamphlet is well worth a perusal.

*Sermons to the People.* By H. P. Liddon, D. D. New York. E. & J. B. Young & Co.

It is needless for us to recommend Canon Liddon's writings to those who have had the good fortune either to hear or read any of his sermons. But we direct their attention as well as the attention of those who have never yet been moved by his eloquence or fed by his wisdom, to this special collection of sermons, preached to the thousands of people who throng St. Paul's, London, and containing 'much of the preacher's latest and best work.' It contains a preface by the American editor, Rev. G. W. Douglas, and is well edited.

*Cyclopædia of Practical Quotations*, by J. K. Hoyt and Anna L. Ward. New York: I. K. Funk & Co.

We have received the Cyclopædia of practical Quotations, a handsome and most useful book of reference. We heartily endorse what the *Boston Post* of Jan. 10th says of it.

"The entire reading public, but more especially the great army of students and literary workers, will hail this volume with undisguised satisfaction, for it is a boon to them that they have time out of mind longed for in vain. \* \* \* Is a monument of industry, research and learning. \* \* \* The book is indexed in the most superior manner, both according to topics and by a concordance to the English quotations. The magnitude of the work which has been done in the compilation of this Cyclopædia impresses one at the very outset, and the authors have every reason to be proud of what they have jointly accomplished. For convenience and usefulness the work cannot, to our mind, be surpassed, and it must long remain the standard among its kind."

### AMUSEMENTS.

#### [ROBERTS' OPERA HOUSE.]

- Jan'y 31, American Theatre Company.  
Feb'y 1, Wilbur Opera Company, "La Mascotte."  
" 2, Oscar Wilde, Lecture—"The English Renaissance."  
" 3, Thomas W. Keene as "Richard III."  
" 4, Hague's British Minstrel Company.  
" 6, Willie Edwin's Sparks Co., "Dreams, or Fun in a Photograph Gallery."  
" 7, "Œdipus Tyrannus."  
" 9, Hartford Amateur Company in "Patience."  
" 10, Same.